

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
)	Conf. No.: 6181
Bernhard Beer, et al.)	
)	Art Unit: 3679
Serial No. 10/823,876)	
)	Examiner: Michael P. Ferguson
Filed: April 14, 2004)	
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For: FASTENING ELEMENT AND)	
FASTENING SYSTEM FOR PLASTIC)	
CONTAINERS)	

AMENDMENT AND REPLY AFTER FINAL ACTION

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Sir:

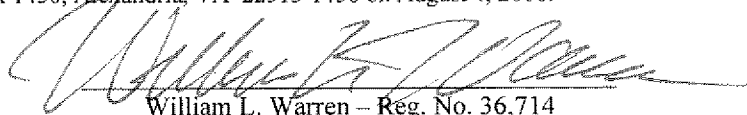
Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed May 4, 2006, please amend the application as follows and reconsider the application in view of the following remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-5029 (Ref. 18584-0014).

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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